

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 359 - SB 272

March 19, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes individuals with handgun carry permits to possess a firearm when traversing any refuge, public hunting area, or wildlife management area.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$300/Wildlife Resources Fund

Decrease Local Revenue - \$400

Assumptions:

- 2007 and 2008 data were not available.
- In 2006 there were eight convictions for violations that meet the provisions of the bill. The total amount of fines and court costs collected in association with the eight convictions was \$1,330.
- In 2005 there were no convictions for violations that meet the provisions of this bill.
- An average of four such convictions each year ($8/2 = 4$).
- The average amount of revenue collected each year for such convictions is estimated to be \$665 ($\$1,330 / 2 = \665).
- A split of 55 percent to local government ($\$665 \times 55\% = \365.75) and 45 percent ($\$665 \times 45\% = \299.25) to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) for any fees and fines associated with convictions.
- No additional personnel will be required by the TWRA due to any increase in the difficulty of the enforcement of wildlife regulations.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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